

Raise your glasses

News and views from your local pubs



Ray Brenner, Becky Price, Lynne Ayres, Wendy Edwards and Brian Loft enjoying the festival.

FESTIVAL

Locals treated to a weekend of good beer and good cheer at The Chequers

A WEEKEND of good food, beer and music was served by an Eversley pub last weekend.

The Chequers held its annual Chequers Fest and welcomed hundreds for the two-day food extravaganza.

On Saturday, there was a special produce market featuring food created by local companies as well as the opportunity to try sausage making. Younger guests could enjoy icing treats in a fairy cake factory.

On Sunday, there were beer tents installed and sausage cooking while the pub

continued to offer its usual menus.

Both days saw live entertainment from bands including The Vodka Martinis and the Eversley Brothers, as well as a barbecue overseen by the pub's award-winning chef Ray Brenner.

Jordan Marr, manager of The Chequers, said that the weekend had been hugely successful.

"It's been a great success, it's a nice festival for the locals. Eversley doesn't have a town centre so we do it [the festival] to bring the locals together. The bands have come back as they were very popular last year."



Chef Joe Simms takes his turn on the barbecue while, below, Andrew Lambert, Brad Holt and Phil Strange soak up the atmosphere. Pictures: Phil Creighton



Local musicians came together to perform as The Vodka Martinis at Chequers Fest.



Bar staff Ben Cook, Cameron Turnbull and Dylan Meldrum prepare drinks for hungry revellers at this year's Chequers Fest.

PUB NEWS

Enjoy summer's final fling

A WOKINGHAM singer will be helping to celebrate the final day of the summer holidays on Monday.

Pauly Zarb will be performing, along with Reflections, at the Golden Pot's summer festival.

The event starts at noon and takes place at the Golden Pot in Reading Road, Eversley.

As well as the music there will be a barbecue, a hog roast and real ales to enjoy.

■ For more details, call the pub on 0118 973 2104 or log on to www.golden-pot.co.uk.

Be the king of the Castle

A HURST pub will hold a beer festival for its bank holiday Sunday.

The Castle Inn in Hurst will be serving a selection of real ales including brews from Bingham's, the Loddon Brewery and West Berkshire Brewery of Thatcham.

There will also be live music from from an acoustic guitarist and a barbecue to enjoy.

The Castle Inn dates back to the 10th century and the original oven can be seen in the snug bar.

The fun takes place at the Church Hill pub from noon to 6pm on Sunday. The pub is opposite St Nicholas Church.

■ For more details, call the pub on 0118 934 0034.

Celebrate harvest time

WOKINGHAM in Bloom winners The Hope and Anchor will be celebrating harvest with a family fun day next month.

The Station Road pub will be holding a garden party on Sunday, September 6 to celebrate the end of summer and harvest.

There will be live music, a barbecue filled with homegrown ingredients homegrown from its beer garden), and more.

The fun starts from noon and continues until late. Children and dogs will be welcome.

■ For more details, call the pub on 0118 978 0918 on log on to www.hopeanchor.co.uk

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